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In the Application of:

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**Lawton et al.**

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For: **Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.